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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PLO, MOPS, IS, LE  
SUBJECT: ISRAELI PRISONER HELD BY PLO

REF: A. JERUSALEM 1794; B. STATE 167951

1. MISOFF MET WITH ICRC OPERATIONS DIRECTOR HOCKE JULY  
3 TO DISCUSS STATUS OF ISRAELI PRISONER, AS REQUESTED  
REF B.

2. HOCKE SAID THAT MAJOR PROBLEM IN THIS CONNECTION IS  
THAT PRISONER IS BEING HELD BY THE REJECTIONIST FACTION  
OF THE PALESTINIANS. THEREFORE, WHILE THEY ARE RECEIVING  
VARIOUS KINDS OF ASSURANCES FROM ARAFAT CONCERNING THE  
PRISONER, HIS WELL-BEING AND EVENTUAL RETURN, THESE MEAN  
LITTLE IN TERMS OF ACTUAL PRODUCTION SINCE ARAFAT EXER-  
CISES LITTLE IF ANY CONTROL OVER HIS CAPTORS. NONETHELESS  
HOCKE STATED, ICRC HAS RECEIVED PERMISSION TO VISIT THE  
PRISONER, AND IS AWAITING WORD FROM MOMENT TO MOMENT CON-  
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CERNING THE FIRST CONTACT WITH HIM. HIS EVENTUAL REPA-  
TRIATION IS, HOWEVER, ANOTHER MATTER HOCKE SAID, AND MAY  
TAKE "WEEKS OR MONTHS".

3. ON THE BRIGHTER SIDE, HOCKE INDICATED THAT ICRC HAD  
BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN DISSUADING THE PALESTINIANS FROM  
HOLDING A CRIMINAL SHOW TRIAL OF THE PRISONER, COMPLETE

WITH JEAN-PAUL SARTRE AND OTHER PROMINENT FIGURES. AS FOR THE "QUID PRO QUO", HOCHE SAID THAT THE PALESTINIAN SIDE WAS DEMANDING RETURN OF PRISONERS, REPATRIATION OF BODIES, AND OTHER UNSPECIFIED TERMS.

4. DEPARTMENT'S ASSUMPTION THAT ISRAELIES ARE BEING KEPT INFORMED OF ICRC EFFORTS IS CORRECT. HOCHE EMPHATICALLY CONFIRMED THAT ICRC WAS IN CONSTANT COMMUNICATION WITH THE GOI ON THIS AND OTHER ISSUES CONCERNING PRISONERS ON EITHER SIDE. HE HAS ALSO NOTED U.S. INTEREST IN THIS MATTER.  
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